



KNOT NEWS

October 2019

The Anacortes Yacht Club

Since 1891

October Calendar

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Club open every Friday at 17:30

October

3,7,10,14,17,21,24,28,31

Anacortes Youth Sailing

October 5-Saturday

Salish Series-Buckeye Shoal

October 9- Wednesday

09:00-12:00 Fire System testing

October 11-Friday

17:30 CRAB FEED!

General Meeting and Speaker

October 18-19-Sat-Sunday

Oktoberfest Cruise-Friday Harbor

October 19-Saturday

Salish Series-Vendovi Island

October 25-Friday

17:30 \$5 Night

October 26-27-Sat/Sunday

10:00 -Trick or Treat Team Race



Commodore's Take



Say it isn't so, but the winds are up and the temperature is down...another summer boating season at AYC is winding to as close.

Bookends...Rosario and Sucia Cruises starting the season, Wednesday night racing series, Opening Day, Garrison Bay, Waterfront Festival, Fourth of July, Bird Rocks, Splash, Northern Century, Pub Crawl, wrapped up at

the other end with Deer Harbor and S'ale Fest. Still upcoming is the Friday Harbor cruise in October and the Land Cruise to La-Conner in December. At the General Meeting in November we will be hosting a Silent Auction by the Western Washington University Sailing Team, with items donated by local businesses.

The Port held its third citizens advisory meeting on the redevelopment of the west and north basin recently. At the second meeting, the issue of parking was discussed in length and during the busy summer months they implemented a survey on available parking...consensus seemed to be that with the exception of high visibility events, Waterfront Festival, Ship Wreck Days, that parking was adequate for marina tenants. The obvious issue is that with the new facilities planned, adequate parking will be potentially diminished. The Port is very concerned with AYC's take on this and seems committed to assessing parking issues as the development progresses.

There will be a Port Commission Roundtable and Open House at Seafarer's, November 14, 5:30-7:30 where the public can review the upcoming expansion. In addition, a marina tenant only meeting will be held November 7 at 5:30 to address parking plans.

Fair winds and no smoke...

-Bill Stone, Commodore

General Meeting

Our very own, Rish Pavelec, provided us with an excellent review of the “Pacific Class” (PC”) wooden sailboat restoration projects while he was a member of the San Diego Yacht. George Kettenberg designed the PC in the early 1920s at the request of his friends to build a “one design” wooden racing boat that could be raced in Southern California.

Rish was introduced to PCs when he was invited to sail on one by his wife Cissy. He was hooked and eventually re-stored “Dawn” which was built in 1934.

What an enjoyable presentation as Rish shared with us many stories of his orchestration to refurbish many of these vessels.

The photo below shows a portion of the PC fleet at the San Diego Yacht Club.



Newest Members to Join AYC

New Preferred Members

Craig & Annika Lacy - “Descanso” - Centurion 42’

Craig and Annika grew up sailing and boating in Seattle and now plan on cruising to Mexico and beyond. They are excited to get involved in the cruising program as well as social events.

Steve & Sue Oldham - “Always Friday” - Outer Reef 63’

Steve and Sue bought their boat in Anacortes and took it to San Diego where they kept the boat for several years, when their Son in Law got a job in Bellingham they brought it back up. They have been to Alaska two Summers and plan to go up a third time next Summer. They are excited to get involved in the cruising program and enjoy the many social events the club offers.

New Associate Members

Gary & Gina Scott

Gary and Gina just relocated to Washington from Central California where they lived for 19 years. Gary has sailed and raced since he was 10 years old on boats from 8’ to 60’, Gina learned to sail on a 505 in 1990. They no longer are racing the 505 but have had an Erickson 30’ on San Francisco Bay for many years, currently they are sans boat. They are excited to get involved in the racing program and enjoy the many social events the club offers.

As always, please make sure you take the time to meet and greet our newest members as you see them at the club. Give them a big AYC welcome!

-Callie Weber, Membership Chair

Annual Crab Feed
Friday, October 11
Speaker, Sol Kohlhaas
Marathon Oil Port Captain



Deer Harbor Wine, Cheese and Chocolate Cruise

The Deer Harbor Wine, Cheese and Chocolate Cruise went off without a hitch! The weather Gods were with us by providing beautiful sunny skies on Friday and Saturday.

On Friday AYC Cruisers gathered at the party barge for cocktails and appetizers and Sam Stone cooked up her famous White Bean and Chicken Chile and Cornbread for dinner. A big thanks to Sam for volunteering! Several bottles of wine were set out for the ring toss and AYC raised \$100 for the Youth Sailing program.



Saturday morning a few brave early birds warmed up with Yogamosas to get the day started. The first van to town dropped off seven hikers to Turtleback Mountain and Turtleback did not disappoint with beautiful vistas and views of both sound and valley.

By 3:00, people were eager to get the wine contest underway and the tasting began! First place: Murray and Valerie Laidley with their beautiful red wine from Raptor Cellars called Prey. Second place: Ben and Connie Mikaelson with their sumptuous red wine Freakshow. Third Place: Mac Madenwald and Wendy Gray with their light and tasty Sauvignon Blanc from Pebble Row.

The party barge was filled with laughter and frivolity! We ended the evening with another chance for the cruisers to win some wine in the ring toss and we raised another \$90 for Youth Sailing!

Sunday the rain showed up and the AYC cruisers donned their foul weather gear for one last coffee gathering at the dock.

Thank you everyone for all of your help and good cheer!

~ Mary & Chuck Trester, Cruise Captains



YOGA at AYC

This summer Jan Jordan once again offered her energetic yoga class to all comers. The class ran each Thursday for one hour from June through September. Nine-members and three guests worked to improve their health and at the same time help to support Anacortes Youth Sailing with a total of \$100 donations. Mike Bastrom was the overall "winner" this summer with his attendance at the most classes.



Thank you Jan for your time and effort to support both the AYC and the youth sailing program.

Wednesday Night Racing

The 2019 buoy racing season is now in the books. Make sure to check out all the results on Regatta Networks.

The Salish Series of long distance races continues this month with the Buckeye Shoal race on Oct 5, Vendovi Race on Oct. 19 and don't miss the new Trick or Treat Team Race on Saturday, October 27.



S'Ale Fest 2019

S'Ale Fest was the tale of two crazy days this year! NOAA called for 25-35 knots on Saturday and 20-30 on Sunday, so we came into it prepared to make alternate plans. On Friday night we were lucky enough to land on a delicious \$5 night. Out of town guests and local racers were fortunate to enjoy the baked potato bar and socialize.

We kept expecting it to blow, but as we woke up on Saturday morning, there was only a light breeze and fair skies. Racers met at the club and enjoyed coffee and donuts while making a plan for the conditions. With an ominous forecast, we decided on a first race in the bay. We chose an 11:00 first start, with God as our race committee (a timed GPS start). As we rigged boats, the wind was building but still seemed reasonable. We left the dock shortly after 10:00, and by the time we had motored out into the bay there was too much wind to attach the outhaul on our loose footed mainsail even after three tries motoring slowly upwind. Area 51 was the first boat to call it, followed shortly by the other Martin 242, Treachery. We de-rigged and tied up, then took out Treachery's tow boat to make sure the boats were safe. First on our list was the Viper, knowing that they capsize. Several boats had gone back in already, and only the Viper, Sunshine Girl, Little Annie and DuFrie were left on course. We finally got eyes on the Viper Timeline when they rounded the north mark and hoisted their kite. It was quite a show until ultimately in just a few minutes their mast broke at the spreaders and they sailed in under jury rig. Little Annie, Sunshine Girl, and DuFrie finished the two-lap first race and went on to complete a second race. The Martin 242 crews had a sporting game of bowling instead of sailboat racing. We enjoyed a delicious dinner from Walt, delicious drinks from John, and some of us carried on to the Brown Lantern afterward.

Sunday's forecast was for a similar big breeze. We kept waiting for it again, but there was nothing! We motored out to the starting area, and still there was nothing. We delayed a half hour and still nothing. Finally, the predicted Northeasterly started to fill in and we got off a start! There was a few knots of breeze to fill kites, although it was the boats who kept up headsails and headed farther East who made out. We all drifted around in the eel grass and tide, being carried out Guemes Channel until we eventually motored in. Sunshine Girl and Little Annie made up their own race course and finished their own race.

Prizes for the weekend were clear glass growler bottles with brightly colored AYC whale stickers. They were quite coveted by the \$5 night guests on Friday and enjoyed by the racers.

Thank you to the participants and volunteers. Same time next year, with more boats!

-Stephanie Schwenk, Race Chair